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program, that of Prof. SHEPHERD, be offered at this meeting and be disposed of, and that will leave the afternoon free for discussion. I move that we now refer to the paper of President H. E. SHEPHERD.

Prof. E. H. BABBITT. I wish to say that if I can have half an hour I can read my paper. How much time have we left of the morning session?

The Chairman. It is now twenty minutes past twelve.

Prof. BABBITT. At what time do we close?

The Chairman. We have closed at twelve o'clock.

Prof. BABBITT. It will then be impossible to read the paper this morning. If I can read it at this evening's session, I would prefer it.

The Chairman. I now declare the Association adjourned till 3 P. M.

SEVENTH SESSION.

The Association convened at 3 P. M. (Dec. 31), Prof. KENT in the Chair.

The President. The Association will please come to order. We have a busy evening before us, and the reports and remarks will have to be as brief as possible. The first business is the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, of which Prof. GORE is chairman.

Prof. J. H. GORE (Columbian University). The fact that we live here under the shadow of the halls of the National Congress will cause you to understand why it is that I take the floor for one purpose and use it for another. That other purpose is, that as one of the least worthy of those connected with this University and one who has done what little was in his power toward making your stay pleasant and agreeable, I desire to say, on behalf of the President of the University and the members of the faculty, that you have shown in the very best way possible your appreciation of what we may have done by your action in agreeing to meet with us here next year. (Applause). I will now proceed with the report.

We, the undersigned, the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We find the account of receipts and expenditures correct as far as evidenced by the papers and books submitted.
2. We recommend that in the future the Treasurer keep an individual account with each member which will show by debits and credits the exact status of each, and that in submitting his annual report he exhibit a list of members whose dues remain unpaid, which, with the list of those with dues paid, should include all the names given in the Secretary's list.

J. H. GORE,
A. N. BROWN.

The President. You have heard the report of the committee. What disposition shall be made of it?

The report was adopted.

The President. The next business is the report of the committee appointed to formulate proper resolutions respecting the death of Dr. McCABE. Dr. WARREN is chairman of that committee.

Dr. F. M. WARREN. Mr. President, on behalf of Dr. J. E. MATZKE and myself, members of the committee, I have to make the following somewhat personal report, as Dr. MATZKE and I were both associated with Dr. McCABE. The report reads as follows:

In the death of Dr. THOMAS McCABE of Bryn Mawr College, this Association has to regret the loss of one of its youngest members. Coming to the Johns Hopkins University after several years of residence in France and Italy, he was admired by those of us, who were privileged to know him at that time, for his bright and keen mind, his devotion to work, and his faculty of imparting to others the knowledge which he himself had acquired. In his short connection with the Universities of Michigan and Indiana, and finally in the incompleting year at Bryn Mawr College, he gave abundant promise of a brilliant career.

In the line of work for which he had so carefully prepared himself, he was not allowed to develop owing to adverse circumstances, but his spirit and example will remain a living force in the institutions with which he was connected whether as student or instructor.

F. M. WARREN,
JOHN E. MATZKE.

The President. What disposition shall be made of the report of the committee?

The report was unanimously adopted.

PROPOSED EUROPEAN MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Prof. A. MARSHALL ELLIOTT. Last year, at Nashville, Prof. VAN DAELL suggested that it would be a pleasant thing for this Association to go over to Europe and hold a meeting there, and he thought that it would be an easy matter for me, as I frequently go over to Europe, to inquire into the affair and see how we might be accommodated over there.

I chanced to be in London during the last summer, and I made inquiry of friends of mine in regard to the subject. The whole affair has been found to be impracticable for the present.

The modern language men of England are in a peculiar condition; they are in about the same position that we held in this country before the establishment of any Association; that is, no solidarity of

feeling on unity of action. The younger members do not want to take hold of any movement of the kind because they fear that the older professors will not approve of it. Some of the older professors would like to see the Americans very much in their private homes, but they do not think it practicable to have them over there holding a convention.

They have, I may remark, a Modern Language Association in England, but that Association is almost exclusively composed of secondary teachers. They occupy themselves especially in discussing pedagogical problems. What we wish would be, not a teachers' union or a teachers' meeting, but a conference of scientific workers.

It was suggested on the part of some of the professors in England that in the future, four or five years hence, for example, when they are better organized, we should send out notices to hold a meeting either there or in Germany, perhaps better in England, and invite the Germans to come over and have an international meeting. They think in this way that the English element will fall into line more readily by having the influence of older men from the continental universities where the departments have been established longer.

The President. No definite action is necessary, I presume, on Prof. ELLIOTT's interesting report.

At the last meeting a committee was appointed on Uniform Grammatical Nomenclature for French and German, of which Prof. VAN DAELL was Chairman. He is not here, but Dr. M. D. LEARNED (Johns Hopkins) is present, and we will be glad to hear any report from him.

Dr. LEARNED. I am sorry to say that the Chairman of this committee has not consulted with the committee at all, and, so far as I can learn, no action has been taken. It seems to me that the work of that committee is important enough to justify some action in the matter.

The President. Shall the committee be continued? What action will the Association take upon the matter? As it stands, the committee was appointed to report at this meeting, and if there is no motion I suppose the committee stands discharged.

Dr. J. W. BRIGHT. I ask to offer a motion that has reference to the "List of Colleges and of their Modern Language Professors," last published as Appendix v to the "Transactions and Proceedings" of this Association for the year 1887.

The great serviceableness of this list makes important its revision at suitable intervals. Believing that another revision of it is now required, I offer the following motion:

That the persons here named be appointed a committee to revise the aforesaid list; that each member of this committee shall, in accordance with the instructions of the Chairman of the committee, revise such a portion of the list as is indicated by the following terri-

torial distribution of the work; that the Secretary publish for the Association this complete revision before the close of the year 1892.

Committee for the revision of the "List of Colleges and of their Modern Language Teachers."

Prof. A. MARSHALL ELLIOTT, Chairman.

- " Henry Johnson, for Maine.
- " Charles B. Wright, for New Hampshire and Vermont.
- " C. H. Grandgent, for Massachusetts.
- " Gustav Gruener, for Connecticut and Rhode Island.
- " D. K. Dodge, for New York and New Jersey.
- " O. B. Super, for Pennsylvania.
- " M. D. Learned, for Maryland and Delaware.
- " J. H. Gore, for the District of Columbia.
- " J. B. Henneman, for Virginia and West Virginia.
- " J. L. Armstrong, for North Carolina.
- " E. S. Joynes, for South Carolina.
- " C. P. Willcox, for Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.
- " C. W. Kent, for Tennessee and Kentucky.

Prof. Alcée Fortier, for Louisiana and Mississippi.

- " R. H. Willis, for Arkansas and Missouri.
- " W. E. Simonds, for Illinois.
- " C. Osthaus, for Indiana.
- " E. A. Eggers, for Ohio.
- " George Hempl, for Michigan.
- " A. H. Tolman, for Wisconsin.
- " G. O. Curme, for Iowa.
- " C. W. Benton, for Minnesota.
- " Morgan Callaway, Jr., for Texas.
- " W. H. Carruth, for Kansas.
- " J. R. Wightman, for Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- " S. Primer, for Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana.
- " H. Schmidt-Wartenberg, for Idaho, and the Territories: Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.
- " Wm. D. Armes, for California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

The President. The next head of business is the continuation of our program. The paper omitted this morning was that prepared and presented by Mr. BABBITT, on the "Preparation of modern language teachers for American institutions." I take pleasure in presenting to the audience Mr. E. H. BABBITT of Columbia College, New York.

Discussion is open for any one who wants the floor. Is there any discussion on the paper?

Dr. M. D. LEARNED. I should like to say a word or two on one point. I think we in this country are liable to miss our opportunities. I agree with the speaker thoroughly, but it seems to me that he left out of view one very important fact.

Any native American finds, when he goes to Europe, that he has need of all the resources he can command. No student who intends to go abroad should make the mistake of putting off the practical acquisition of the language, so far as conversation and writing are concerned, until he arrives in a foreign land. In all of our larger cities there are ample opportunities for learning German and French, and it ought to be impressed upon both students and teachers, that it is very important that one should make the best use of his opportunities while at home and thus prepare the way for more efficient work while abroad. Where it is possible to create here an atmosphere of